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The Honorable Terence A. Todman
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Dear Mr. Todman:

I am writing you about Ms. Dagmar Ingrid Hagelin, whose last address was Bermudez 5261, Villa Bosch, F.C.N.G.U., Buenos Aires, Argentina.

I understand that in July 1977, you met with the Swedish Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs about this case. According to information I have received from Ms. Hagelin's father, Dagmar was abducted on January 27, 1977, while attempting to visit a friend's house. Upon arriving at the house, she was confronted with a group of armed men. Ms. Hagelin, who was 17 at the time, was naturally frightened by this and left the house immediately. Witnesses have reported that she was subsequently shot without warning by one of the men in her friend's house, forcibly stuffed in the trunk of a car and carried away. I have also been told that the armed group of men were in fact from a unit of the Navy School of Mechanics, a government police group.

As you probably know, Ms. Hagelin has dual citizenship in Argentina and Sweden. The Swedish Embassy has conferred diplomatic immunity on Ms. Hagelin and the Swedish Government has made known its concern for her in numerous statements to Argentine government and military officials. Yet Dagmar's family has not been told of her whereabouts or the condition of her health.

This shocking incident seems to have taken place with the full support of the Argentine government. Have you been able to obtain any information about Ms. Hagelin since you met with the Swedish Foreign Ministry official in July? What has the U.S. Government done to try and locate Ms. Hagelin? I feel we should do all we can to try and help Ms. Hagelin.

Thank you for your consideration and attention. With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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